The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Application No. 08/468,610

## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 21, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

We were unable to locate a copy of the translations for Kitamura et al. (JP 1-211543), Kondo et al. (JP 61-33130), and Tokuyama et al. (JP 60-137441) references relied on by the examiner in the Examiner's Answer mailed August 24, 2004. We were able to locate only an abstract for each reference.

## Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that the application is remanded to the examiner to:

- locate and place a complete copy of the missing translations (Kitamura et al. (JP 1-211543), Kondo et al. (JP 61-33130), and Tokuyama et al. (JP 60-137441) in the administrative file;
- provide copies of the full translations to the appellants; and
- for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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